

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A data management system, for use in receiving and processing data in relation to one or more products, and recording fulfilment of customer orders in respect of a generated product description, the system comprising:

an input for product selection data;

a marketplace product store for storing marketplace product definitions;

a product selection store for storing data defining a selection of one or more products from the marketplace product store;

an enterprise capability store for storing data defining capability of an enterprise in relation to supply of one or more products; and

a product fulfilment data store for storing one or more product descriptions;

~~wherein at least one link is generated between each product description in the product fulfilment data store to data stored in the enterprise capability store,~~
and

~~at least one link is generated between each product description in the product fulfilment data store to data stored in the product selection store,~~

~~said links being determined by a requirement in the respective product description for specified data in the enterprise capability store and the product~~

~~selection store, such that a valid product description is dependent on presence of
said specified data~~

an association data store storing association data associating each product
description with specified data in said enterprise capability store; and

a product fulfilment data store controller arranged in operation to store a
product description in said product fulfilment data store only when said enterprise
capability store includes the specified data associated with said product description
by said association data.

2. (original) A system according to claim 1 wherein the specified
data in the enterprise capability store relates to equipment necessary to support
provision of a product identified in the product description.

3. (previously presented) A system according to claim 2 wherein a
product description comprises date information, at least one set of data stored in
the enterprise capability store comprises said specified data together with
availability date data, and the system reviews the availability date data against the
date information, such that a valid product description is dependent on
compatibility between the availability date data and the date information.

4. (original) A system according to claim 3 wherein said availability date data may be both compatible with the date information and in the future at the time that a product description is loaded to the product fulfilment data store.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein ~~associated links are~~ the association data is updated in response to updates to the specified data in the enterprise capability store.

7. (previously presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein the specified data in the enterprise capability store comprises identifiers for instances of apparatus available to support a product identified in a product description.

8. (currently amended) A system according to claim 7 wherein the specified data in the enterprise capability store is updated and consequent changes made to ~~links relevant to~~ data referencing said specified data.

9. (currently amended) A system according to claim 5-20 wherein any market product definition stored in the marketplace product store is deleted in the event that there is no remaining ~~link~~ association data for that marketplace definition to data stored in the enterprise capability store.

10. (currently amended) A method of managing data relating to product provision in relation to supporting capabilities, which method comprises:
storing marketplace product definitions in a marketplace product store;
receiving product selection data in relation to stored marketplace product definitions;

storing data defining a selection of one or more products from the marketplace product store in a product selection store, in response to one or more received inputs;

storing data defining capability of an enterprise in relation to supply of one or more products in an enterprise capability store;

storing one or more product descriptions in a product fulfilment data store;
and

generating ~~at least one link between~~ association data associating each product description in the product fulfilment data store ~~to~~ with specified data stored-storable in the enterprise capability store; and

~~wherein said at least one link is determined by a requirement in the
respective product description for specified data in the enterprise capability store,
such that a valid product description is dependent on presence of said specified
data~~

selectively storing a product description in said product fulfilment data
store by examining said association data to identify said associated specified data,
and storing said product description only on said specified data being found in said
enterprise capability store.

11.-19. (canceled)

20. (new) A system according to claim 1 wherein said
association data further comprises data associating each marketplace product
definition with specified data in said enterprise capability store; and

the system further comprises a marketplace product store controller
arranged in operation to store a marketplace product definition in said marketplace
product store only when said enterprise capability store includes the specified data
associated with said marketplace product definition by said association data.

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21. (new) A system according to claim 1 wherein said association data further comprises data associating each product description with specified data in said product selection store; and

said product fulfilment data store controller is further arranged in operation to store a product description in said product fulfilment data store only when said product selection stored includes the specified data associated with said product description by said association data.